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RUSSIA BELIEVES PEACE IS NEAR

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INDEMNITY MATTER

Has Become Paramount in Discussion at St. Petersburg.

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By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The eve of the opening of the important negotiations at Portsmouth sees increasing belief in the possibility of peace. Many Zemstvos favor continuance of the war solely because they consider the influence of war necessary to force the government to grant demanded reforms.

WITTE ARRIVES AT PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 7.—Sergius Witte, senior member of the Russian Peace Mission, arrived at Portsmouth by rail tonight.

PEACE IS NECESSARY TO BOTH COMBATANTS.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—The doubts existing in London and other capitals over the prospects for peace exist here, but in a milder form. The prevailing opinion is that neither Russia nor Japan is anywhere near the exhaustion of resources, yet peace is so necessary that both would be reluctant to withdraw from the negotiations once they have begun without attaining peace.

DOLPHIN AND MAYFLOWER SAIL FOR PORTSMOUTH.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 7.—The yachts Dolphin and Mayflower, with convoys bearing the Russian and Japanese commissioners to Portsmouth, sailed from this harbor at 8 a. m., with the exception of Mr. Witte, who left for Boston by special train last night; the members of the Russian and Japanese parties were on board their respective vessels. The fog which hung heavily over Long Island sound yesterday and which made necessary the stop at this place, was burned away by the sun this morning and the conditions were ideal for continuing the voyage to Portsmouth.

SERGIUS WITTE STOPS OVER IN BOSTON.

Boston, Aug. 7.—Mr. Witte, the senior Russian plenipotentiary to the peace conference at Portsmouth, who left the cruiser Mayflower at Newport yesterday, was still at his apartments at the Hotel Touraine in this city at this morning. The hour of his departure for New Hampshire had not been decided upon.

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HIGH PRAISE FOR THE RUSSIAN OFFICERS

Gallant Conduct During Terrific Engagement in the Sea of Japan.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, Aug. 7.—An officer of the naval staff has made a statement in which he pays high tribute to some of the Russian officers participating in the battle on the sea of Japan. His statement follows:

"There were several Russian officers whose conduct in the recent battle deserves to be held high as a model and example for all naval officers. Among them the most noteworthy was the conduct of Captain Rodionoff, commander of the Nakhimoff. His gallantry is as praiseworthy as that of Commander Hirose. During the first day of the battle the Nakhimoff was exposed to the fire of our marine squadron and sustained serious damage. During the night she was made the object of severe torpedo attacks and finally completely disabled, drifted close to Tsushima. The vessel was sinking and Captain Rodionoff sent seventy of the crew to land at Tsushima, remaining aboard himself with his chief navigator. When the Japanese approached the sinking vessel, they asked the captain to leave the vessel, and he refused. The Japanese boarded the vessel and endeavored to drag him into a boat, but he resisted. The ship was listing badly and threatened momentarily to plunge into the sea. The Japanese were forced to draw off and the captain went below to meet his death. Suddenly the ship went down and our men thought the gallant officer was drowned. But providence willed otherwise. We found the captain and navigator floating in the water locked in each other's arms. They had embraced at what they thought was the moment of death and were partly unconscious when we rescued them."

There was a dramatic scene when the Monomach went down. The Sado Maru, which survived the remarkable experience with the Vladivostok squadron which the Hitachi Maru was sunk came upon some of the crew of the Monomach and rescued them. Among them was an engine officer who died, and the officers of the Sado Maru gave him a military funeral from the deck. Later the Sado picked up the Monomach and getting a line to her endeavored to tow her to Tsushima. The Monomach was leaking badly and the attempt to tow her was a failure. Suddenly there was a great explosion aboard the Monomach and she began to settle in the water. Seeing that she was going down Captain Kayama ordered the men of the Sado Maru to line the decks and calling the buglers, directed them to sound taps. It was a pretty tribute to the ship which had been gallantly fought and to the men who gave up their lives in her.

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Scores of persons who had seen the accident rushed to where the old composer lay unconscious. The automobile was arrested, but no one appeared to make a complaint and he was set at liberty.

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Coming Visit of the Shah of Persia



When the Shah of Persia pays that promised visit to us he will have a chance to observe the great American interview in full operation.

BAKERS TRY TO FORCE BREAD FAMINE

Thousands of Hebrews on New York's East Side Are Already Suffering.

New York, Aug. 7.—With thousands of Hebrews out of bread on the East Side owing to a strike of "Kosher" journeymen bakers, much trouble is expected by the police in the district affected. Reserves patrolled the streets all night to preserve order. A great effort will be made to-day by the journeymen to bring about a real bread famine in the hope that this will win the strike.

The strikers held a meeting last night and said that they were determined to remain out of employment until a ten-hour work day is granted. They say they are 1,800 strong and that the bosses cannot go on without them. The bosses, however, say they will soon have enough non-union bakers if they can depend on the police protection.

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BIG STEAMSHIP PIERS BURNING.

New York, Aug. 7.—The North German Lloyd piers in Hoboken are burning. Two large ships with their upper decks on fire have been forced from the docks and are floating up stream. The water front for miles is lighted by the blaze.

BASEBALL

August 7 By Associated Press.

Southern League. Atlanta 11, Montgomery 3. Memphis 1, Shreveport 4. Birmingham 4, Nashville 0, (First Game.) Birmingham 2, Nashville 5, (Second Game.) New Orleans 8, Little Rock 0.

South Atlantic League. Jacksonville 2, Augusta 0. Savannah 2, Columbia 7. Charleston 7, Macon 5.

American League. Washington 4, Chicago 7. Philadelphia 5, Detroit 9. New York 14, St. Louis 4. Boston 4, Cleveland 3.

National League. Pittsburg 0, Boston 3, (First Game.) Pittsburg 3, Boston 2, (Second Game.) Chicago 4, New York 0. Cincinnati 13, Philadelphia 7. St. Louis-Brooklyn, rain.

EXCURSION BOAT SANK WITH 180

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.—The excursion boat Sunshine sank this afternoon at Broad Ripple Park, ten miles from this city, with 180 persons aboard, all of whom were men except one woman who was rescued by a launch. No one was drowned, but several were injured in the panic.

OYAMA DECLARES WAR IS ABOUT OVER

And Chinese Will Soon Be Able to Resume Agricultural Pursuits.

Lidapuzhe, Manchuria, Aug. 7.—It is reported here that Field Marshal Oyama declared recently that the war would soon be over and the Chinese soon be able to devote themselves to agricultural pursuits.

Fortifying the Amur. Tokio, Aug. 7.—The Russians are reported to be vigorously fortifying the mouth of the Amur river and a mixed division has been sent to Nicholaitfak to reinforce the garrisons. It is understood the channels approaching the river have been mined.

FRENCH FLEET REACHES COWES

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 7.—The French fleet, consisting of eighteen battleships, cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers, under the command of Vice-Admiral Cattard, dropped anchor in the sound to-day to stay a week as guests of King Edward and the British navy.

A heavy down-pour of rain throughout the morning drenched the decorations ashore and afloat, and shrouded in a heavy mist the great gathering of yachts and British warships collected to welcome the visitors.

MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE IN CONTROL

FIVE DAYS AND CRISIS WILL BE DUE

Prominent Louisianan in New York Talks of Fever Situation in New Orleans.

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 7.—According to Brigadier General Perriatt, chief of ordinance of Louisiana, it will be five days before New Orleans will face a crisis in the yellow fever situation. General Perriatt arrived here from the south last night.

"New Orleans is suffering more from commercial anxiety," said he, "but residents feel that the health officials and various committees, aided by the federal authorities, will cope with the fever. In the meantime business in that section of the state is still at a standstill."

"Unfair discrimination is being made against Louisiana by other states, and her commercial interests are suffering in consequence."

"The city is opposed to the parishes and the parishes are arrayed against one another with the 'shotgun' quarantines."

"The mosquito which carries the disease breeds in clean stagnant water. New York is safe, I am sure. By this time New Orleans is protected."

"The exodus from New Orleans is a little more than is usual at this time of the year, and while commercial interests are paralyzed now, I think that the situation will clear within two weeks. We will stamp out the disease."

Sir Patrick Manson, K. C. M. G., medical advisor to the British colonial office, who is here on his way to San Francisco declares that mosquitoes are among the greatest curses of mankind.

"We are yet in the infancy," he said "of the discovery of the transmission of such diseases by insects, but in the matter of yellow fever infection, all credit should be given to the Yankees who went ahead of our eminent men and demonstrated that the stegomyia was the vehicle that caused all the trouble."

"If there is not, there should be a law in every state making it a criminal offense to a high degree to fail to report immediately the prevalence of a case of yellow fever. The slightest attempt at concealment by a physician should be followed by summary punishment."

MAIL SERVICE IS CRIPPLED

Washington, Aug. 7.—The postoffice department has been advised that on account of yellow fever no passenger trains are running through between New Orleans and Houston, thus discontinuing all Southern Pacific through service. Instructions have been issued to divert all Texas and Mexican mails heretofore going over southern lines via New Orleans and send them via St. Louis to Memphis.

FORTY THOUSAND JAP PRISONERS

Tokio, Aug. 7.—The disposition of the convicts of Sakhalin island is now under consideration. They will probably be taken to the Russian coast and will there be transferred to the Russian authorities. Under a pre-arrangement, the Russian prisoners of war on the island, forty thousand in all, are being transported to Japan.

THE LATIN-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS.

New York, Aug. 7.—The Latin-American scientific congress was inaugurated Sunday with the attendance of the president, says a Herald dispatch from Rio de Janeiro. Members of the president's cabinet and many prominent Latin-Americans were present.

CHAPPELLE WILL PASS THE CRISIS TO-DAY.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Archbishop Chappelle is reported as doing well tonight. He will pass the crisis tomorrow. He received a telegram from the papal secretary of state at Rome to-day in which the pope sent a blessing and wished him speedy recovery.

Scientific Fight Against New Orleans Scourge Takes on New Life.

HOPE FOR SUCCESS

Expert Physicians and Army of Workers in the Field.

SHIFTING OF AUTHORITY TO THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS WILL BE COMPLETED TO-DAY—YESTERDAY'S RECORD SHOWS THIRTY-TWO NEW CASES AND EIGHT DEATHS.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Following is the official report up to 6 o'clock to-night:

New cases 32; total cases to date 565.

Deaths to-day 8; total deaths to-date 113.

New sub-foci 4; total sub-foci to date 97.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—With the Marine Hospital Service under the authority of President Roosevelt, in complete control, the scientific fight to eradicate the yellow fever from New Orleans before frost took fresh life to-day. With ample funds, the best available medical attendants and an army of willing workers at his back, Dr. J. H. White, the surgeon in charge, hopes for a successful termination of the struggle.

During the day Surgeon White received formal orders from Surgeon General Wyman, notifying him that the federal government had decided to assume the task of taking control of the situation, and immediately visiting the state and city boards of health, he communicated the news to Presidents Souchon and Kohnke and arranged for a transfer of the work. Both pledged the assistance of themselves and the forces under them to Dr. White in his undertaking. Dr. White said the transfer details would be gradual so that there might be no interruption of the work now in progress. The shifting of authority is expected to be completed tomorrow.

It will probably never be possible to estimate the losses which New Orleans has suffered in a financial way through a diversion of business.

An incident out of the ordinary was in the case of Emile Lopez, a boy who died from fever. After his death had been reported the health officials gave permission to hold the body 24 hours. While the boy lay in his coffin his mother thought she detected signs of life. Physicians were called, but efforts made to revive him proved unavailing and the boy was finally pronounced dead and was buried.

The moderate number of new cases and the marked decrease in the number of new foci during the past three days has given ground for hope that the progress of the mosquito-fever has really been checked. As a matter of fact, thorough inspection, fumigation and disinfection of the original focus of infection began to tell four days ago and the continued improvement is regarded as a most encouraging sign.

Surgeon White, of the Marine Hospital Service, assumed control of the local situation to-day and entered into closer relations with the state board, but no radical change has yet been made nor will be made. As he stated recently, his methods will simply be the enlargement and perfection of the system put into effect by the local authorities.

Roosevelt and Morgan Talk of American Interests In China

Oyster Bay, Aug. 7.—J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, had a conference with President Roosevelt lasting an hour and a half to-day. The president himself is authority for the statement that the conversation related practically entirely to the case of the Hankow railroad in China, a controlling interest in which is owned by J. Pierpont Morgan & Company, incidentally and as relating to interests held by Americans in China pending peace negotiations.

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